

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A female electrical contact terminal obtained from a single plate of electrically conductive metal comprising:

a rear part ~~making possible~~ adapted to make a crimped connection with an electrical wire,

a front part ~~consisting of~~ comprising a cage ~~4a~~ comprising a bottom, a top, and two sides,

at least one strip ~~ensuring a~~ adapted to make a contact with a complementary male contact terminal,

a transition part forming a transition zone linking the front part with the rear part,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the top has at least one extension leg traversing a longitudinal length of the transition zone.

2. (Currently amended) The contact terminal according to claim 1, ~~further characterized in that~~ wherein the top has two assembled parts, one of said parts containing at least the extension leg.

3. (Currently amended) The contact terminal according to claim 2, ~~further characterized in that~~ wherein each part of the top contains an extension leg.

4. (Currently amended) The contact terminal according to claim 2, ~~further characterized in that~~ wherein the extension leg ~~traverses the transition part and~~ enters the rear part.

5. (Currently amended) The contact terminal according to claim 2, ~~further characterized in that~~ wherein the top comprises two parts ~~of the top~~ which fit into each other.

6. (Currently amended) The contact terminal according to claim 5, ~~further characterized in that~~ wherein one of the parts of the top forms a tenon and the other part of the top forms a mortise.

7. (Currently amended) The contact terminal according to claim 1, ~~further characterized in that~~ wherein the sides of the front part each contain a first tab, bent back toward the interior of the cage from the rear toward the front.

8. (Currently amended) The contact terminal according to claim 7, ~~further characterized in that~~ wherein the sides of the front part each contain a second tab bent back toward the interior of the cage ~~4a~~ from the front toward the back on top of the first tab.

9. (Currently amended) The contact terminal according to claim 1, ~~further characterized in that~~ wherein at least one extension leg extends between the crimp pieces of the electrical wire and is crimped with the wire.

10. (New) A one-piece female electrical contact terminal comprising:

a rear part adapted to fixedly connected to an electrical conductor;

a front part comprising a cage including a bottom, a top, and two sides;

at least one strip at the cage adapted to make a contact with a complementary male contact terminal; and

a transition part forming a transition zone linking the front part with the rear part,

wherein the top has at least one extension leg traversing a longitudinal length of the transition zone.

11. (New) The contact terminal according to claim 10 wherein the top has two assembled parts, and wherein one of the assembled parts comprises the extension leg.

12. (New) The contact terminal according to claim 11, wherein each assembled part of the top comprises the at least one extension leg.

13. (New) The contact terminal according to claim 11, wherein at least one of the extension legs extends to the rear part.

14. (New) The contact terminal according to claim 10, wherein the top comprises two parts which fit into each other.

15. (New) The contact terminal according to claim 14 wherein one of the parts of the top forms a tenon and the other part of the top forms a mortise.

16. (New) The contact terminal according to claim 10 wherein the sides of the front part each contain a first tab, bent back toward the interior of the cage from the rear toward the front.

17. (New) The contact terminal according to claim 16 wherein the sides of the front part each contain a second tab bent back toward the interior of the cage from the front toward the back on top of the first tab.

18. (New) The contact terminal according to claim 10 wherein the at least one extension leg extends between the crimp pieces of the electrical conductor to be crimped with the electrical conductor.

19. (New) A one-piece electrical contact terminal comprising:

a rear part adapted to fixedly connected to an electrical conductor;

a front part comprising a section adapted to be mated to a complementary mating contact terminal; and

a transition part forming a transition zone linking the front part with the rear part,

wherein the front part comprises at least one extension leg traversing a majority of a longitudinal length of the

transition zone, wherein the transition part extends substantially to the rear part.

20. (New) The contact terminal according to claim 19 wherein the transition part extends at least partially along the rear part.